



Mice and chickens have joined the scene in Saint Joseph's psychology laboratory in the chapel basement these days. The mice (left) are undergoing breeding for future experiments, while the chicken at right heads for an alphabet-lettered door during a maze box experiment. (Photos by Paul Dennis)

Students Observe Animals

By MICHELLE DONJUIELLE

Over at Saint Joseph's psychology department, things are coming up chickens, rats, and mice, as students acquire hands-on experience working with lab animals.

Dr. Cathie Alderks, assistant professor of psychology, points out, "While the students are working with the lab animals they are readily able to see what's involved when working with them. They seem to enjoy it and it makes a lasting impression on them."

The psychology department has new, roomier facilities plus new equipment this year to assist laboratory animal experimentation. The rats and mice were purchased from Sprague / Dawley in Indianapolis, a company which produces animals for research. The chickens were purchased from Fairview Farms near Remington, Ind.

There are seven rats and as for mice, Dr. Alderks says, "there are too many!" There were 12 chickens, but she says they were given away when "they got too chickeny."

"We performed hysterectomies and ovarian surgery on the female rats to test their behavior after they could no longer produce estrogen and progesterone hormones," Dr. Alderks explains. "Afterwards, we placed them in a setting with the male rats, and we found the female rats did not have a

estrus cycle — they were not in heat and thus fought the male rats. However, when injected with hormones, the female rats' estrus cycle returned and they did not fight the male rats."

Experimentation also has taken place with the chickens who underwent a visual discrimination test. Dr. Alderks says the purpose of this experiment was to teach the chicks to distinguish between a symbol and a non-symbol.

Students conduct this research by using a maze box, wherein a chick is released from a starter box and immediately confronted by a card bearing a letter of the alphabet. Behind and to each side of this suspended card are two doors, each bearing a letter of the alphabet — one of them identical to the suspended letter, the other different.

If the chick goes to the door with the identical letter, it can walk through to the rear compartment of the maze box, where there is a small container of food as a reward. Chicks who choose the "wrong" door were returned to the starter box without the food reward.

Next semester Dr. Alderks and the psychology students plan to work once again with the mice in another learning experiment.

The experiments come as part of the department's physiological psychology class.

Mid-Terms Should Motivate Freshmen: Downard

By JOANNE CUSUMANO

Mid-term grades always tend to produce fear in the hearts of some freshmen. They anticipate parents' reactions to marks that aren't exactly as high as they should be. Dr. William Downard, first-semester academic dean, stresses that this shouldn't be the case. "Mid-terms should be taken as a positive sign," he says, "enabling students to catch problems far enough in advance to properly deal with them."

"Mid-terms are progress reports, but they are not written in stone," indicates Downard, who does not even record his students' mid-term marks in his gradebook. They can do nothing to harm one's academic standings or records.

In fact, mid-term grades are always lower than final grades, according to Downard. "Faculty members use mid-terms to get students to work harder," he explains. "In the case of a borderline grade, professors tend to go with the lower grade." The idea is that the student will strive to bring up the lower grade.

This year, mid-term grades averaged a little lower than last year. "There is a general feeling that in many cases freshmen did not work hard enough," indicates Downard, "though the past academic profile for this year's class is equal to that of last year's freshmen."

He does not seem to feel, as do many students, that lower grades are the result of a general 'toughening up' of teachers' academic demands. "There is a general impression that to get students quieter in dorms they must be made to work harder," he admits, "but any increase in work loads is purely on an individual level." In addition, Downard indicates there may be a tendency toward more frequent Core tests to encourage students to read a greater amount of the material than they have in past years.

Though mid-term grades are only sent to freshmen, since the staff feels they need to be reminded where they stand, upperclassmen are urged to ask for their scores. "At mid-term, all teachers are supposed to have a grade for every student in their classes, and they have a responsibility to pass these grades on to the students when the students inquire," Downard maintains.

The general response to mid-terms among students seems to be one of support. Freshmen and upperclassmen alike want to know how they are doing in their classes and mid-term grades provide this information. Given an idea of where they stand, students can evaluate their weak points and adjust their study habits accordingly. To support this, one freshman points to his roommate who, when faced with a poor mid-term per-

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Purdue Visit Helps HSUB

By JIM CALABRESE

Saint Joseph's Halleck Student Union Board (HSUB) went to Purdue University two weekends past to partake in a series of activities which may provide this college with some of the most exciting programs ever to hit the campus.

The Association of College Unions-International (ACU-I) met for their region IX conference Oct. 22-24. The ACU-I conference is held semi-annually to basically teach students "low-key leadership" exercises. It also helps students gain ideas for more programs from other schools.

"I think that the program provides a wonderful opportunity for students who want to be involved with their school," says Mrs. Diane Jennings, coordinator of HSUB. She also thinks that the programs provided in the conference help students realize their potential in what they can accomplish.

The first night of the seminar offered an icebreaker session sponsored by "Playfair." The "Playfair" group gave everyone a chance to get to know one another by doing a two-hour show which included audience participation. This was followed by a dinner and entertainment.

Saturday's schedule included such learning seminars as: the power of listening, the management of delegating, responsible drinking and the motivating of different personalities. These seminars taught the students how to understand these problems and the different ways to deal with them.

One of the most interesting parts of the ACU-I conference taught the students about handling stress in college. "This is a very important factor when teaching students about 'low-key leadership'," adds Jennings.

An exhibition was demonstrated by the various schools to show what they were doing to publicize and promote their clubs. Saint Joseph's entry was a presentation of HSUB's Puma Guide, buttons, activities and posters.

"This conference basically taught the students about organization, management qualities and leadership," Jennings remarks. There will be a second conference next semester which will discuss the publicity and promotions of activities. It will also give HSUB ideas for new programs.

Jane Rayner, HSUB executive director, feels that more mini-courses and HSUB activities can be better organized and attract more students. HSUB is the sponsor of such activities as a ping-pong tournament, pumpkin-carving contest, student-faculty coffee and doughnuts gathering, and International Week, with the help of the Student Association.

HSUB plans to host Valparaiso University's Student Union Board next semester to discuss different activities with each other. This is done so new ideas can be exchanged.



formance, worked harder to significantly better his marks.

As to whether or not mid-terms should be sent home to parents, students are divided. Many feel that if parents are paying the bills, they have a right to know how a student is doing. Others indicate that parents get "hyper" in response to low mid-

term scores (simply because they tend to be low) and should only be allowed to see the final results.

At this time, freshmen experiencing difficulty in their classes are encouraged to seek assistance. Downard suggests going directly to the teachers or to Sr. Catherine Fay, director of freshman counseling.



Blackjack was one of the most popular table games found in the Halleck Center ballroom Nov. 5-6 during Monte Carlo weekend. Here Valerie Sperka (left) deals to (from left) Dan Vecchio, Pete Ippolito, Ron Mulcahey and Bob Newell. (Photo by Paul Dennis)

Why Be Thankful?

There was a time in my life when I felt as though I had little to be thankful for. My southern Indiana family was poor — dirt poor. We never owned land, a home, or any other major material possession. Father hunted continually to bring home 'possums, squirrels, 'coons, and when lucky, a felled deer. He, with only an eighth-grade education, worked part-time in unsafe underground coal mines, digging wells with my grandfather, and as a carpenter-of-sorts. His struggle for survival often kept him from home.

Mama struggled with a family garden and home-preserved all she could both from that garden and from the surrounding wilderness. She scrubbed clothes on a washboard and carried well water in buckets, as there was no plumbing. Caught up in the unending toil, she resembled an anorexic and rarely took the time to eat.

We seldom received new clothes; patches were the rule. We often didn't wear shoes in the summer, and in winter we warmed ourselves beside two coal-burning cookstoves. Some of our first homes had no electricity.

With no transportation and little money, the family walked many miles to school and town. Dad sometimes took much of what he earned and bought liquor in town bars. He often came home drunk and raised hell. Times were hard, but love bound all and never loosed its grip.

My sister, at 18, went to work in the town garment factory and, as my father's health failed, became the family's financial supporter. With her first check she brought store-bought meat home (bologna). We were ecstatic.

We weren't alone in our poverty. Others struggled just as we did. All shared what they could. Above all we shared love with one another.

In 1969, Father died. At eight years of age, I barely remember him. I couldn't cry. How could I be thankful?

In the years which passed, money became less a problem due to government aid. Opportunities for school and advancement opened. I had the chance to be more, and I realized I had so much to be thankful for — for a nation which provides for its needy, for a family which gives love incessantly, for friends who share and trust, I am thankful.

Untold millions face the Thanksgiving season with great sadness in their hearts. We all wonder, at times, what we have to be thankful for. We all hurt, we all cry.

Think. You have something to be thankful for. Life itself is a blessing; a good life graced by love and friends is even moreso.

Do have a Thanksgiving filled with love and fond memories.



Letter To The Editor



Dear Editor:

On the evening of Sept. 29, during Noll Hall's initiation, Tom Toppel jumped into a pane of glass and was seriously cut. Almost before the glass stopped falling, the administration of the college swung into action. Their purposes were many and laudatory. Tom was given the medical help he needed. Damage was repaired. The causes of the accident were unravelled so that they could be effectively dealt with and learned from. Thus future accidents would be prevented. Why then are we now faced with dismal turmoil instead of a feeling of successful conclusion?

The future justice of the incident also started while the glass was still falling. Unfortunately, this justice was subverted. Here are some of the causes of this subversion. Because Tom was hurt badly and crap was said to be present, it was natural for people to assume that Tom was the victim and the people in the Noll Hall initiation were to blame. Testimony at the hearing showed this to be a false assumption. But from the time of the accident many joined in a scoundrel hunt. Scoundrels were being discovered and changing nearly every day. The result was that nearly every member of Noll Hall and student services was vilified and pronounced guilty at some time in the next two weeks. If there were any real scoundrels they were lost in the trampling of the hunt. What of other victims? What about those condemned by angry parents; those wrongly accused and slandered; those who can still picture Tom lying there, cut and bleeding? Thank God a few helped. But for a week you would have thought Noll was full of lepers; they were ostracized.

Fear can bring out the worst in people. There is a story of two men running from a lion. One said, "Do you think that we can outrun him?" The other responded, "Well old friend, I only have to outrun you." There were many fears. "Did I cause Tom's accident?" "Will I be thrown out of school or

lose my job?" "Will the college be sued?" "Will our initiation be charged, too?" "Will people be mad at us if we don't punish someone?" Instead of fighting the lion together, many raced to avoid being with those at the lion's jaws.

Oh, the power of the spoken word. Unfortunately, when the "word" is false, incomplete, misquoted, or hearsay it does not lose its power. Instead it becomes a rampaging beast. Before their hearing, the people of Noll were tried by self-selected juries who trumpeted forth their conclusions and judgments in classrooms, newspapers and in gatherings all over campus. People who were facing a hearing or possible civil or criminal litigation had their cases prejudiced. The presumption of innocence was thrown out the window by a sizeable segment of our campus.

Punishment is used legitimately when it seeks to prevent the reoccurrence of a wrong. However, some, angry at members of Noll Hall or people in student services, used the accident as an opportunity to seek vengeance. "Throw them out of school," "Make them lose their jobs," were their cries. There are proper avenues for seeking redress from wrongs. Instead these avenging angels became the nuclei around which mobs could form. This hampered the work of those seeking to ascertain true responsibility and levy just punishment.

In this atmosphere of accusation, fear, rumor, pretrial judgments and vengeance, justice and education could not survive. How could an impartial jury come from the midst of such things? When nearly everyone connected with the incident was already slandered or condemned they could no longer defend themselves or others. Courageous, honest testimony was dismissed as lies, cover-up, or naivete. The format of the hearing reflected this as the innocent were charged in an attempt to force them to testify. But anyone who testified was either not believed or was then considered guilty by association. This widespread attack upon the innocent made it impossible to determine who was really guilty. It also meant that only Noll would be tried. People upset about the happenings at other initiations in other dorms would severely risk being caught in the lynch mentality if they said anything. Issues were thus simplified; one was either guilty or innocent, a liar or naive, totally uninvolved or a co-conspirator, from Noll or from the rest of the school.

Those who were to press the case or pass judgment on the charges were also compelled. As one person put it, "They needed to appease the parents of Tom Toppel." How could they find people innocent when so many others had already found them guilty? Someone had to be blamed, the guilty had to be punished. The school would look powerless if something severe wasn't done; the school might even be sued.

These were the pressures put upon those charged with upholding justice. I know that I could not have done a good job under such pressure.

What is my evidence for such statements? I saw and heard these things. I also refer to the known record; the results speak most eloquently. Of the 46 persons accused of hazing or endangering their fellows in an initiation, all live in Noll Hall. No one from other residence halls who were present at Noll's initiation were charged, but Noll students who were merely present were charged. All 46 were found guilty of hazing and endangerment; there was no assessment of degree of guilt. The handbook states that a person can be found guilty only if a preponderance of evidence shows guilt. And yet many of those found guilty, including some who received the most severe penalties, were NEVER mentioned in the hearing. How can the evidence show that a person is guilty when there is NO evidence showing either their presence or their participation in any of the events? The judicial board was forced to make its decisions at midnight, after eight hours of testimony. How can that lead to reasoned judgment?

And so we still do not know who was really guilty, if anyone, of hazing or endangering Tom Toppel or others. We still do not know what makes initiations fun or dangerous. We do not know how to better prevent future accidents. What we have learned is that we do not always react well under pressure. At such times we have to use the structures and guidelines we established when we were calm. Panicky, self-righteous, or ignorant attempts at quick solutions or easy justice only hurt the innocent, hide the guilty, or make things worse.

This letter is not meant as a judgment of any particular individuals; there are other proper avenues for that. This letter is meant to help each of us to examine ourselves, not someone else. It is also meant to shed light on a very complex and difficult set of incidents which still affect the futures of 46 persons, most of whom are attempting to appeal their convictions or revive their damaged reputations. Let us ALL learn from our mistakes.

Father William Stang

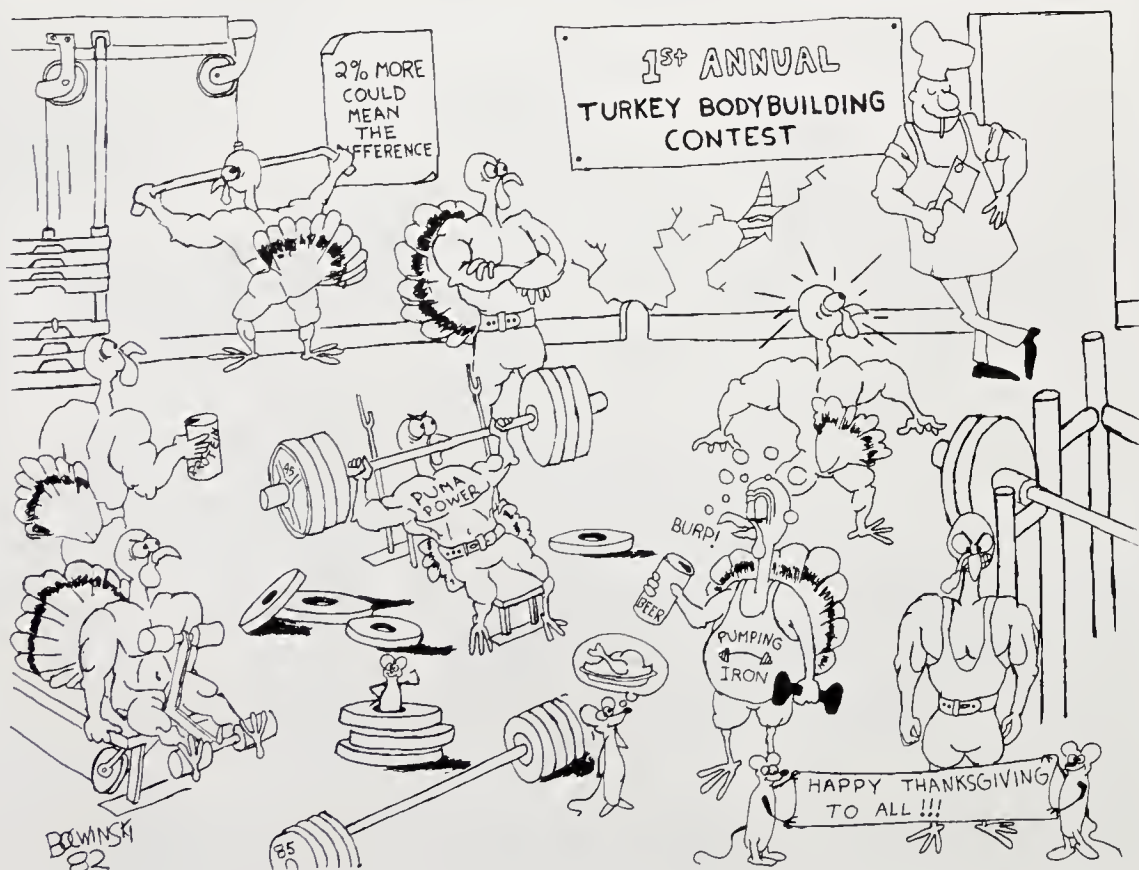
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Basketball season for the Puma men's and women's teams is fast approaching, and the cagers are hurrying to get ready during pre-season drills. At left, Scott Spencer launches a short jump shot over Melvin Wood while Matt Weber watches from the background, while at right Cheryl Hall tries to drive around defender Karen Honkisz. (Photos by Paul Dennis)

Cagers Sharpen 1982-83 Skills

By BILL MILLER

The leaves are falling, the weather is getting colder, and the football season's ending. What does all this mean? You guessed it, the basketball season is on its way. The men's team will begin its season Nov. 20 at Illinois Institute of Technology.

The men will try to better their 13-14 record of last year, which was good enough for fourth place in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. SJC's head basketball coach George Waggoner says that last year was a season of rebuilding, and he now looks for a better year.

Returning from last year's team are Melvin Wood, (6-6, sr.), who was the leading rebounder, leading scorer, and most valuable player, along with John Thieme (6-4, sr.). Thieme and Wood are the co-captains. Seniors Rickey Bureau and Mark McDonald (6-2) are also back. Others returning are lettermen Mark Joines (6-8, jr.), Greg Martin (6-5, so.) and Dan Hickey (6-4, so.).

Joaquin Villeta (6-8, so.), a transfer from Puerto Rico, also becomes eligible to play this season.

The remainder of the roster is made up of four freshmen and two transfer students. They are freshmen Matt Weber, a 6-1 guard from West Lafayette, 6-2 Keith Miller from Cincinnati, and forwards Mark Wingard (6-5) and Brad Connor (6-3). Rounding out the newcomers are 6-7 center-forward Scott Spencer, a transfer from Bowling Green (Ohio) State University and Don Redfield (5-10, jr.) from Kankakee (Ill.) Community College. Waggoner says this year's team has good unity and teamwork.

He says the team's goal is to make the NCAA Division II finals. The coach sums up his feelings on this year's season: "We don't play to be second." He regards Lewis, Kentucky Wesleyan and Bellarmine as GLVC pre-season favorites.

The women's basketball team will be trying to bounce back

from its 9-11 record of last year. Returning players from last year's squad are Penny Salm, Cheryl VanWinkle, Beth Dean, Karen Honkisz and Cindy Figel. Juniors Jill Burnett and Mary Huffstetter also will be back. Huffstetter sat out last season because of knee surgery.

Incoming freshmen are Linda Wiesenbahn, Michelle Sprowl, Tammy Mason and Molly Horstman; Alicia Graves will join the team as a walk-on. Also, transferred here from Indiana State-Evansville is Jenny Crawford. Crawford will be ineligible until the second semester.

"I look to be a lot deeper with more people to work with," says coach Sue Buntin, referring to the fact that the team had only ten players last year. The women Pumas will begin their season Dec. 2 at Taylor University. Buntin believes the roughest games will be against Butler, Wayne State (Detroit), Indiana Central and Bellarmine.

Pumas Attempt To Claw Eagles

By JOE GIANNINI

Well, I hate to say it, but the Puma football players are playing against some pretty big boys this time around — Ashland. In fact, I would even call 'em bullies (you know, the kid who always picked on you because he was 200 pounds heavier than you).

The Ashland defense, which ranked first in the conference last year, has eight of eleven starters back, including two senior All-American defensive tackles, Dan Fuller and Tom Bishop.

The potent Eagle offense features tailback Antoine Gaiter, who led the conference in rushing last year with 660 yards and is again the HCC leader this year. Also, backfield mate Kevin Naro, who picked up 506 season yards and tallied three scores in '81, adds outstanding depth to the Eagle ground game.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Dan Newton led the Puma runners in their season finale as they battled in the NCAA Regional at Wisconsin-Parkside (Oct. 30). The harriers concluded their season with a 10-54 mark.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Although the women captured only fourth place (out of

five teams) in the NCAA Regional at Wisconsin-Parkside (Oct. 30), they will have a bright future ahead of themselves.

Margaret Koopman, the only runner who will be lost to graduation, paced the squad with an 18th-place finish. The women finished their season with a 27-12 record.

SOCCER

A 2-1 defeat to Indiana Central (Oct. 30) dropped the soccer men to a 6-9 mark. Before the defeat, the squad had kicked its way to victories in

three out of its last four games.

VOLLEYBALL

"Things are looking promising for the conference tourney," says coach Linda Taulman. The two-day event (tomorrow and Saturday) has been an important goal for the team.

Taulman confides, "The team to beat is Lewis and I think we're going to do it." After knocking off IUPUI-Indianapolis here Nov. 1 (15-10, 15-10, 15-6), the women improved their season record to 32-12.



Saint Joe's Tim O'Neill (14) hauls in a 25-yard aerial from John Fazio during third-quarter action last Saturday in the Pumas' battle with Butler. Bulldog defenders Tony Sales (6) and Dave Ginn (47) come up too late to prevent the catch. (Photo by Mark Klingenberg)



Soccer Kicks The Habit

By JOE GIANNINI

"Six wins and nine losses, what's so good about that?" mumble many Saint Joe students in reference to this year's soccer team. Well, I'll tell you what's so good about that.

In a period of five years this club built everything they have to this very day. (Come on now, the Chicago Cubs have been in existence for many more years than the SJC soccer team — I'll bet anyone on that — and are still having trouble establishing a respectable organization.)

At this time five years ago the SJC soccer program was a club, run by students with the aid of faculty advisor Father William Stang. Stang remembers, "After three crushing defeats half of the team, nearly all of the seniors, quit the team." Games then had to be cancelled and finally, a meeting was held with the remaining team members to see if soccer would continue at Saint Joe's. And, as Father Stang points out, "We decided not only should soccer survive here, but it should also grow."

A program was then set up to include such aims as varsity status, increased fan support, better facilities, more responsibility from players and coaches, better organization and the spreading of soccer to Rensselaer and the outlying areas. Unfortunately, things became worse before they became better. In fact, during some games in the 1978 season, the team was forced to play with only eight or nine players.

As coach Stang remarks, "This crucible forged a spirit that gave the team the strength and unity it needed." And, it helped the tables turn during the 1979-80 season. With the aid of ex-athletic director Richard Scharf, the squad moved into the old Chicago Bear practice facilities in the basement of Justin.

College work crews cleaned away cobwebs, fixed plumbing and lighting, painted and patched cracks of ten years of disuse. "Even the players participated in much of this work; they set up a tradition that continues to this day," adds Stang. These projects to which the players committed their help include: building benches, sodding and seeding the field and building an eight-by-24-foot wall for soccer practice.



Then, finally, in 1980, the faculty granted the club varsity status. After five roller-coaster years the team now had a coach (Father Stang), insurance, a trainer and a place to store equipment. Despite a 2-10 record, the soccer team had bigger and better things to look forward to in the near future.

Two of these future expectations came in the form of construction of a practice field and a visitors' locker room. Another dismal mark of 2-13-1 gave the players even more determination to build a winner.

Following the 1981-82 season, experience for many soccer members was provided through a soccer course. Stang notes, "Players visited area schools, performing demonstrations and clinics, and games were held in the summer." The result: a growth in knowledge and participation both at SJC and in the local area.

One of the offspring from Saint Joe's program was at the Rensselaer Middle School. Under Tom Messman, an organized soccer program has been set up for the youngsters in town.

Contributing to the success of the soccer program have been faculty members Father Robert Matichuk, Father James Froelich, Dr. and Mrs. John Egan and Brother Ed Habrowski plus administrators William Maniscalco and athletic director Dr. William Hogan.

At the top of Stang's list of goals for SJC soccer are physical health, self-discipline and teamwork. "The players now sign an agreement to seek these goals by performing their duties and responsibly protecting their rights. They also make decisions about discipline, rules, freedoms, leadership and rewards because it is their team and their sport, as well as the school's," says Stang.

According to Stang, "Only the shape of the ball and the spirit of the players remain the same as that day five years ago." Everything has grown, even the fan support (from ten to 200). Also, a soccer alumni association has been formed (the new bleachers on the soccer field were contributed by the alumni).

"A stronger, larger and more successful team has much to be proud of and a good reason for looking to the future," concludes Stang. A phoenix has risen from the ashes.

Social Preview

By BILL GUERTIN

Probably the biggest highlight of this issue is the part where there's nothing to do at all — Thanksgiving break! I haven't seen any beach blankets or anything flying around, so I assume that people are going HOME and not to sunny Florida; some people (like myself) barely have enough money to get home!

Friday, Nov. 12 — The International Festival is scheduled. It'll be going on all week; I'm sure Friday will be the long-awaited climax of the week's events.

Saturday, Nov. 13 — Oops. Looks like the International Festival goes until Saturday. THIS has got to be the climax! Our football Pumas will play their final game of the season vs. Ashland. There's an SA mixer planned for the evening, also . . . and a Union Party sponsored by the BSU.

Monday, Nov. 15 — Psychology Club's got their bingo game out at the Care Center. (My all-time favorite event.)

Tuesday, Nov. 16 — Ladies and gentlemen . . . don your tennis gear and warm up for the HSUB ping-pong tournament tonight at 6:30.

Wednesday, Nov. 17 — Lots happ'nin. FACULTY — you're meetin' at 7:30 . . . HISTORY/PRE-LAW CLUB — you're meetin' at 6:30 in Halleck 202 . . . BUSINESS CLUB — you're meetin' about some Christmas banquet . . . SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL — you're meetin' in Halleck 204 . . . BIOLOGY CLUB — you're meetin' in Halleck 205 at 6:30. (C'mon now . . . did all you clubs PLAN this or what???)

Thursday, Nov. 18 — Now, if one of you clubs would've been SMART, you could've had this WHOLE space to announce your meeting. BUT NOOOOOO . . . you just gotta go with the flow, don't you?

Friday, Nov. 19 — The residence halls close at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 20 — The official start of Thanksgiving recess (sound of starting gun in background) . . . and while everyone is away, our Puma basketball players have their first game of the season! It's at Illinois Tech.

Nov. 21 - 27 — You're OUTTA here!

Sunday, Nov. 28 — You can start filtering back to SJC at noon — but not any sooner, 'cause the dorms won't be open until noon. It's also the first Sunday of Advent.

Monday, Nov. 29 — A day you've dreaded since about four paragraphs ago . . . classes resume. There's a sophomore class meeting at 9 p.m. in Halleck 204 (probably to catch up to all the clubs who met on the 17th!)

Wednesday, Dec. 1 — Psychology Club meets at 6:30 p.m. But the real highlight will be when our Puma basketball team travels to Grace. Best of luck, guys!

Thursday, Dec. 2 — I think this day is to make up for the empty space during Thanksgiving . . . the Columbian Players will present their second annual **Winter Cavalcade of Theatre** at 7 p.m. The women's basketball team takes to the court for the first time as the Pumas challenge Taylor University at Taylor . . . the infamous and always-a-good-time Gallagher floor hockey marathon starts today and runs into infinity . . . there's an HSUB-SA all-campus Christmas decorating party to get those who aren't already in the Christmas spirit a-going (and to fire up those who are!) . . . there's a Union social this evening . . . and the History / Pre-Law Club meets at 6:30 in Halleck 202.

Friday, Dec. 3 — The Columbian Players will be at it again with their **Winter Cavalcade** presentation at 7 . . . the members of the SJC chorus will travel to Ancilla College to perform in a concert . . . and the Biology Club will bring in the Christmas cheer with a party at 8:30 in Raleigh Hall.

Saturday, Dec. 4 — A big night on campus with something for **everybody**! Sports folk will be pleased to know that the Puma hoopsters play their first real home game at 7:30 p.m. vs. Franklin (these boys were BIG last year!). Theatre buffs will be pleased to hear that tonight is the third performance of the **Winter Cavalcade** of one-act plays by the Columbian Players; that'll be at 7 p.m. And for you romancin' types . . . yes, it's the Justin-Halas Christmas dance happening tonight in the ballroom of Halleck Center.



One of Halloween's fun-type activities was this pumpkin-carving contest, held Oct. 28 in the Halleck Center snack bar area. Here Rich Werling displays his creativity under the watchful eye of Jenny Guertin. (Photo by Joan Hayden)

Giving Thanks: Past And Present

By JERRY UNDERHILL

It is the year 1620. In flight of religious persecutors, 35 English Protestant Pilgrims sail aboard the **Speedwell** from their hiding place in Leyden, Netherlands to Plymouth, England. As dissenters to the royal religion of England, the Pilgrims must move about secretly and silently. In haste, they contract to settle land in the New World and choose an alternate vessel to make their journey, for the **Speedwell** is taking on water.

On Sept. 16, the **Mayflower** is loaded with possessions, food, water, chickens, goats, and 102 passengers; some of these 102 passengers are Pilgrims, many are just New World settlers. The sails are hoisted and an uncomfortable nine-week voyage to the Virginia Colony begins. Illnesses strike both passengers and crew; one voyager dies. Two babies are born.

During a storm, the ship drifts hundreds of miles off course far north of Virginia and, on Nov. 11, after nine arduous weeks, the voyagers arrive near the tip of Cape Cod. Though they have no claim to this land, they are weary and refuse to sail any longer. They decide to build their settlement onshore.

Before the settlement site is chosen, they draw up a document of law, the **Mayflower Compact**; 41 of the 44 men aboard sign. The **Mayflower** weighs anchor and travels up the coast. On Dec. 21 the vessel arrives at Plymouth harbor. The settlement is begun.

Homes are built in traditional style, though somewhat smaller. Trees are cleared and the virgin earth is broken for planting. Suddenly, all efforts are halted by the cruel, bitter New England winter. Due to disease, hunger, passivity, and lack of endurance, over 50 voyagers die. Without close European neighbors, the Pilgrims appear to be doomed.

Those who survive the first winter are befriended by local Indians. The Indians, by far superior survivors in the hostile wilderness, teach the Pilgrims to plant corn, to hunt for furs, and to gather from the bounty of the forests and rivers. The tasks are great and the toil unending, yet the Pilgrims, through faith and

determination, learn well the lessons their Indian friends teach.

It is now the autumn of 1621. The corn is harvested, the squash and pumpkin are picked, the nuts are gathered, and the wild game smoked. It is a time of great happiness for the Pilgrims and for their Indian brothers. As a gesture of thanks to God and their new-found friends, the Pilgrims prepare a three-day festival of thanks. It is the first Thanksgiving; 90 Indians are invited.

Rushing forward in time, it is now 1898. The place — Saint Joseph's College. Though the college is Catholic (recall Thanksgiving is a Protestant holiday), a one-day celebration of thanksgiving is carried out by the community. The bell that usually rings to awaken the young men remains silent from its early call this morning. The boys are allowed to sleep until 6 a.m. (gee, what a late hour to rise!)

High mass is held at 8 a.m. At 10 a.m., a military program is given by the armory. The

program presents displays of arms and marching maneuvers.

Twenty fatted turkeys, donated by a Brother, are broasted to perfection by Sisters. What would the meal be without dressing, potatoes and cranberry sauce? Good cheer fills the air and several students, 'neath the listening ear of Father Maximilian, render speeches. It is a noble time.

At 6:30 p.m., Benediction is held, and at 7 p.m. the Columbian Literary Society presents a comedy play entitled **Upstart**. Many musicians add their melodies at intermissions.

Welcome to the present. It is Nov. 11, 1982. Students, eager to study for approaching exams, are not yet concerned with the Thanksgiving feasts their mothers are so diligently planning for them. In the few free moments they have, students stop to recall something to be thankful for. They look to the heavens and utter three humble words, "Thank you, God."

Rat Pack, Skoal Prevail

By JEFF TOBIN

The 1982 intramural football champions have been crowned: the East Seifert Rat Pack from the Men's Division and Justin Skoal from the Women's Division.

In the men's playoffs, the Rat Pack made a furious second-half comeback to defeat the Bennett M.D.'s, 24-18. The Pack was down 18-0 at halftime. The Gallagher Kiwis defeated the Stoned Ponies from Noll to meet ESF in the championship game. In a close match, ESF prevailed, 21-13.

Not scoring a touchdown, and still winning, is a rarity in football. But the Halas Fools did it, beating defending champion Justin K.S.A. on two safeties, 4-0. The Fools then met underdog Skoal in the championship. Missing an extra point will often come back to haunt a team, and it will haunt Halas until next year, as Skoal delivered a 7-6 upset to claim the championship.

The only IM sport going on now is volleyball. There are three levels of competition: men's, co-ed and women's.

Noll Second Best and the Gallagher Gators lead Men's League 1 with 2-0 records. Gallagher and the Noll Stoned Ponies lead Men's League 2 with 2-0 records. In the co-ed leagues, 1st West on Tap lead League 1 with a 3-0 record, and the 2nd Floor Chuggers and Skoal 2nd Noll lead with 2-0 records. The Women's League is led by Tiny's Women (3-0), with Spike & Serve (3-1) and Skoal (2-1) right behind.

In the next issue, look for more volleyball news, plus three-on-three basketball reports.

Gaspar Hall

I dreamed I saw Saint Gaspar
Standing near his hall
Watching as the rubble fell
Beneath a wrecking ball
He bowed his head in silence
and prayed this simple prayer
"No longer shall I stand alone
The rock shall not be there"
Then brick by brick they took apart
This rock on which we stand
Forever they have laid to rest
the rock that was a man.

Jerry Underhill

